

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
INDIANA STATE FAIR
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



**Indiana Legislative Services Agency
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I. STATUTORY DIRECTIVE

The Indiana General Assembly enacted legislation directing the Committee to do the following:

- (1) Serve as liaison between the State Fair Commission, the State Fair Board and the General Assembly.
- (2) Review policies affecting the activities of the State Fair Commission, the State Fair, the facilities at the fairgrounds, and the property owned by the State Fair Commission.
- (3) Provide long range guidance for the State Fair Commission and the State Fair Board.
- (4) Review annually the State Fair Commission's and the State Fair Board's budgets and other accounts and report financial conditions to the Legislative Council. Further advise the Budget Committee regarding appropriations and other financial matters concerning the State Fair Commission and the State Fair Board.
- (5) Propose, review, and make recommendations concerning legislation affecting the State Fair Commission and the State Fair Board.

II. SUMMARY OF MEETING

The Committee met on September 16, 1998, at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Committee heard testimony from Donald Tanselle, Chair of the Indiana State Fair Commission, and from William Stinson, Executive Director of the State Fair Commission.

Mr. Tanselle furnished copies of the Indiana State Fair Commission Staff Analysis of Schmitt Associates' Facility Evaluation and of the Request for Capital Budget Project to the Committee and spoke about the Fairgrounds 2000 project. He responded to questions about ongoing and proposed construction projects at the Fairgrounds. He provided answers to queries regarding financing and expected budget requests to the Indiana General Assembly in the next four years.

Mr. Stinson and Mr. Tanselle discussed the present use and future plans for the 4-H building. Besides its use for Fair housing, both thought that the building, if renovated, had potential for being lower-cost lodging for various convention uses within the city.

Mr. Stinson reported on the Center for Agricultural Science and Heritage that is being established on 38th Street across from the Fairgrounds.

Mr. Stinson announced that the Sheep Barn is being re-built, and the next project will be the Draft Horse Barn (also known as the East Pavilion). When completed, the two buildings will cover 175,000 square feet of connectable exhibit space.

IV. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND VOTE

The Committee made the following recommendation: That in 1999, the Committee should meet on two (2) occasions, once before the Fair, and once during the Fair.

The Committee voted 6-0 to adopt the Fairgrounds 2000 Plan, in the Request for Capital Budget

Project.

The Committee is not required to make a Final Report.

A copy of this report is available on the Internet. Reports, minutes, and notices are organized by committee. This report and other documents for this Committee can be accessed from the General Assembly Homepage at <http://www.state.in.us/legislative/>.

WITNESS LIST

Donald Tanselle, Chair of the Indiana State Fair Commission
William Stinson, Executive Director of the State Fair Commission